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SPECIFICATIONS FOR STATES AND OUTLYING AREAS OF THE UNITED STATES

1. Name of Standard. States and Outlying Areas of the United States.

2. Category of Standard. Federal General Data Standard, Representations and Codes.

3. Explanation. This standard provides names, abbreviations and codes for representing the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the outlying areas, all of which are considered to be “first order subdivisions” of the United States.

4. Qualifications. In the application of this standard, any of the three forms of representation (i.e., names, abbreviations, or codes) may be used to represent those data elements having values (data items) of States or outlying areas of the United States. Names and abbreviations are preferred when human considerations and input reliability are important. The two character numeric code may be used in those applications where machine and numeric sorting considerations are more important, since a sort on the numeric code arranges the States in alphabetical sequence. The codes from FIPS 10, Countries, Dependencies, and Areas of Special Sovereignty, are listed in this standard for the outlying areas of the United States. The form of representation used (i.e., names, abbreviations, or codes) should be identified in format descriptions when data are interchanged.

5. Special Information. Changes in this revision of the standard are noted by an asterisk in the left margin. Also the number of changes which have occurred to an item since its original publication is noted by a superscript character following the code. All changes are explained by footnotes.

6. Specifications.

TABLE 1: States of the United States (including the District of Columbia) with their assigned codes.

Name	Abbrev.	Code	Name	Abbrev.	Code
Alabama	AL	01	Montana	MT	30
Alaska	AK	02	Nebraska	NE	31
Arizona	AZ	04	Nevada	NV	32
Arkansas	AR	05	New Hampshire	NH	33
California	CA	06	New Jersey	NJ	34
Colorado	CO	08	New Mexico	NM	35
Connecticut	CT	09	New York	NY	36
Delaware	DE	10	North Carolina	NC	37
District of Columbia	DC	11	North Dakota	ND	38
Florida	FL	12	Ohio	OH	39
Georgia	GA	13	Oklahoma	OK	40
Hawaii	HI	15	Oregon	OR	41
Idaho	ID	16	Pennsylvania	PA	42
Illinois	IL	17	Rhode Island	RI	44
Indiana	IN	18	South Carolina	SC	45
Iowa	IA	19	South Dakota	SD	46
Kansas	KS	20	Tennessee	TN	47
Kentucky	KY	21	Texas	TX	48
Louisiana	LA	22	Utah	UT	49
Maine	ME	23	Vermont	VT	50
Maryland	MD	24	Virginia	VA	51
Massachusetts	MA	25	Washington	WA	53
Michigan	MI	26	West Virginia	WV	54
Minnesota	MN	27	Wisconsin	WI	55
Mississippi	MS	28	Wyoming	WY	56
Missouri	MO	29			

Note: The following codes are reserved for possible future use in identifying American Samoa (03), Canal Zone (07), Guam (14), Puerto Rico (43), and Virgin Islands (52).

Note from CHRR: In addition to the FIPS county codes, the following codes were used when the place name was not specific enough or the place name could not be found:

Mexico		99090	Texas	Corpus Christi (ns)	702
New York	New York City	500		Richardson (ns)	701
	APO New York	500		Amarillo (ns)	700
	Attica (ns)	300		Pleasant Grove (ns)	703
	Long Island	600	West Virginia	Hungtington (ns)	200
Oklahoma	Tulsa (ns)	400	Louisiana	Cut Off (ns)	200
Wisconsin	Milwaukee	600	Oregon	Salem (ns)	200
Missouri	Kansas City	700	Alabama	Laton Hill	200
			Arkansas	Bow and Arrow	200

TABLE 2: Outlying areas of the United States with their assigned codes.

Name	State Code	Country Code	Post Office	Notes
American Samoa	60	AQ		U.S. territory in the Pacific.
Canal Zone	61	PQ	CZ	Territory in Panama leased by U.S.
Canton and Enderbury Islands	62	EQ		Under common U.S.-U.K. administration.
*	63 ¹			
*	64 ¹			
*	65 ¹			
Guam	66	GQ	GU	U.S. territory in the Pacific.
Johnston Atoll	67	JQ		U.S. territory in the Pacific. Includes Sand Island.
*	68 ¹			
*	69 ¹			
*	70 ¹			
Midway Islands	71	MQ		U.S. territory in the Pacific.
Puerto Rico	72	RQ	PR	Commonwealth associated with the U.S.
Ryukyu Islands, Southern	73	YQ		U.S. administered islands in the Pacific south of 27° 52' No. Lat.; 128° 14 E. Long. and the Daito-jima.
Swan Islands	74	SQ		U.S. territory in the Caribbean.
* Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands	75 ¹	TQ		U.S. administered: Includes Caroline, Mariana, and Marshall island groups.
U.S. Miscellaneous Caribbean Islands	76	BQ		Includes Navassa Islands, Quito, Sueno Bank, Roncador Cay, Serrana Bank, and Serranilla Bank.
U.S. Miscellaneous Pacific Islands	77	IQ		Includes Kingman Reef, Howland, Baker and Jarvis Islands, and Palmyra Atoll.
Virgin Islands	78	VQ	VI	U.S. territory in the Caribbean.
Wake Island	79	WQ		U.S. territory in the Pacific.

*See section 5 (Special Information) above.

63¹, 69¹, and 70¹. Deleted FIPS 5-1,F June 15, 1970. Previously assigned to the Caroline, Mariana, and Marshall Islands respectively. These islands are now included under the Trust Territories of the Pacific Islands with the new numeric code **75** and the alpha Country Code **TQ** (as assigned in FIPS 10, "Countries, Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty.")

64¹, 65¹, and 68¹. Deleted FIPS 5-1, June 15, 1970. Previously assigned to the Cook Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and Line Islands, Southern respectively. These islands are no longer considered to be outlying areas of the United States and are identified and coded in FIPS 10, "Countries, Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty."

75¹. Revised FIPS 5-1, June 15, 1970. Previously assigned to the Tokelau Islands which are no longer considered to be an outlying area of the United States. These islands are identified and coded in FIPS 10, "Countries, Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty."

Note: Post Office Abbreviations have not been assigned to all outlying areas of the United States.

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